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Gerald BOCQUENET et al ) Group Art Unit: 1626  
Application No.: 09/720,598 ) Examiner: E. Sackey  
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For: METHOD FOR EVAPORATING )  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please replace claims 1-13 as follows:*

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1. Process for vaporizing an aminonitrile and water, comprising using the water in a vapor state as the carrier gas for the vaporization of the aminonitrile.
  
2. Process according to claim 1, wherein the water vapor is employed at a temperature of from 120 to 600°C.
  
3. Process according to claim 1, wherein the aminonitrile is employed at a temperature of from 20 to 300°C.

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